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Gem-Inset Enamelled Gold Boteh-Shaped Perfume Flask with Bird and Floral Motifs

19th - 20th century

India (Jaipur)

Enameled gold, diamonds, pearls, green glass beads

Overall: 9/16 x 1 3/8 in. (1.4 x 3.5cm)

This delicate perfume flask is in the shape of a buta (Hindi for “flower”), a paisley or plume-shaped motif of Persian origin that is commonly found in Indian design. The flask is decorated in enamel with red flowers and green leaves on a blue ground. A cluster of four pearls and green glass beads are affixed to the bottom of the flask, which would have been suspended from a thin chain at the wearer’s neck or waist.